(b) if so, what are the details of countries from which power generation equipments will be imported;

(c) whether the import of power generation equipments will have any adverse effect on the indigenous manufacturers; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps Government propose to take to save the indigenous power equipment manufacturers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (d) The Eighth Five Year Plan has not yet been finalised. However, primary reliance in the matter of supply of plant and equipment for power development programmes continues to be placed on the indigenous manufacturers. Imports are resorted to only selectively and on merits, depending on the totality of the circumstances, and the interests of indigenous manufacturers of lower generation equipment are kept in view.

Grim power situation

2957. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether according to a study conducted by the Confederation of Engineering Industry, it has been revealed that the country's power situation during 1987-88 was grim as generation was far behind;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) what is the target of power generation fixed during the Seventh Plan period; and

(d) whether the same has since been achieved if not, what are the reasons therefor and what further steps are proposed to be taken by Government to boost the power generation in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) The power supply position in the country during 1987-88 was as under:—

Requirement	210993 MU
Availability	187976 MU
Shortage	23017 MU
per cent Shortage	10.9 per cent

Confederation of Engineering Industry have also indicated a shortage of 10.9 per cent.

(b) The measures being taken to improve the availability of power include expediting commissioning of new generation capacity, implemention of short gestation projects, improving the performance of existing power stations, reducing transmission and distribution losses, implementation of demand management and energy conservation measures and arranging transfer of energy from surplus to deficit areas.

(c) During the Seventh Plan period the target of additional capacity for power generation has been fixed as 22245 MW.

(d) During the first three years of the Seventh Plan i.e. upto 1987-88 a capacity of 11828.94 MW has been commissioned. Various measures have been taken to obviate delays in completion of power projects which include extensive monitoring of the projects, expediting supply of equipments and materials, visit to projects site by Senior Officers of the Government and Central Electricity Authority to identify and over come the constraints. The need for effective project management has also been emphasised on the State Authorities. With these measures, it is expected that the targets fixed for the Seventh Plan will be fully achieved.

Telephone link from Balia District Headquarters

2958. SHRI ISH DUTT YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to provide a telephone link

between Balia District (Headquarter) Uttar Pradesh and Beethra Road town when a link between Balia and Nawanagar exist and only 12 Km. are required to be covered;

(b) if so, by when telephone link between Balia District Headquarter (Uttar Pradesh) and Beethra Road town is likely to be provided; and

(c) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present there is no proposal to provide a telephone link between Balia and Beethra Road.

(c) As per Department policy Beethra Road 50 lines small automatic exchange is rightly parented to Rasra and Maunathbhanjan trunk exchanges.

Production and import of Oxytetracycline by M|s. Pfizer

2959. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) who are the major purchasers of Oxytetracycline, Tetracycline, Doxycycline and Erythromycine from IDPL and what is the notified price of each drug;

(b) what is the price at which each drug is being sold by IDPL and what was the production of each drug during the last three years, yearwise;

(c) whether it is a fact that IDPL is selling Oxytetracycline and Tetracycline at a price lower than notified price;

(d) if so, at what price;

(e) what quantity of Oxytetracycline was sold to M|s. Pfizer yearwise alongwith the price;

(f) whether it is a fact that M|s. Pfizer produced imported Oxytetracycline; and

(g) if so, the quantity and price of procurement during the last three years, yearwise?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (g) The information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Assessment of amount on veterinary products of M|s. Pfizer

2960. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that veterinary products based on the scheduled drugs are under price control under DPCO, 1987;

(b) whether it is also a fact that they were under price control under DPCO, 1979;

(c) if so, whether it is also a fact that special team have not assessed the amount due from pfizer in respect of veterinary production based on Oxytetracycline; and

(d) if so, what are the details of amount worked out on this?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d). The information to the extent available would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Non-payment of salaries to the ad-hoc employees

2961. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some junior stenographers were appointed on *ad-hoc* basis on the 22nd July, 1987 in the office of the Registrar, Company Affairs, Jullundur and remained in service upto 22nd August, 1988;